

## MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED

### TITLE 7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### CHAPTER 34. MEDICAL SERVICES AND BOARDING HOMES FOR THE AGED

##### Part 1. Ambulance Services

**7-34-101. Ambulance services authorized.** A county, city, or town, acting through its governing body, may establish and maintain an ambulance service for such county, city, or town. Any county, city, or town may contract with any county, city, or town to establish and maintain a joint ambulance service and to share the costs, such costs to be apportioned according to the benefits to accrue, with the proportion to be paid by each to be fixed in advance by joint resolution by the respective governing bodies, if the governing body has received a petition signed by 15% of the electors registered to vote in the county, city, or town at the last preceding general election or in each of the counties, cities, or towns wherein a joint ambulance service is being established.

**7-34-102. Ambulance service mill levy permitted.** Subject to 15-10-420 and in addition to all other levies authorized by law, each county, city, or town may levy an annual tax on the taxable value of all taxable property within the county, city, or town to defray the costs incurred in providing ambulance service.

**7-34-103. Manner of providing ambulance service.**

(1) If a county, city, or town establishes or maintains ambulance service it may, acting through its governing board:

- (a) operate the ambulance service itself or contract for ambulance service;
- (b) buy, rent, lease, or otherwise contract for vehicles, equipment, facilities, operators, or attendants;
- (c) sell ambulance service insurance or contract with a third-party entity to sell ambulance service insurance to persons who use the ambulance service that covers the cost of the ambulance service that is not otherwise covered;
- (d) adopt rules and establish fees or charges for the furnishing of an ambulance service.

(2) A county, city, or town that directly sells ambulance service insurance or that remains liable for the financial risk pursuant to insurance sold by a third party under contract with the county, city, or town is exempt from Title 33, except for the provisions provided in 33-18-201 and 33-18-242.

**7-34-104. Certain ambulance services unaffected.** The provisions of this part shall in no way affect county, city, or town ambulance service in operation on March 14, 1961.